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SUBJECT: OPERATION "SHOESTRING" - BINATIONAL CENTER AT SANTIAGO

REF : SD 3240

1. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD IMPROVING

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE BINATIONAL CENTER AT SANTIAGO  
AND TOWARD REALIZING THE PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING FOR THE  
CENTER.

2. THE CENTER HAS NOW INCREASED ITS PAYING MEMBERSHIP TO WELL  
OVER ONE HUNDRED PERSONS (AT TWELVE PESOS ANNUALLY). IN  
ADDITION, THE "PATRON MEMBERSHIP" (FOR BUSINESS CONCERNS) IS  
BRINGING IN AN ANNUAL INCOME OF OVER THREE THOUSAND PESOS.  
FINALLY, CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE FEES FOR  
STUDENTS. AS A RESULT OF ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE BNC  
AT SANTIAGO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE "CRITICAL" LIST FINANCIALLY  
AND PLACED AMONG THE "HEALTH".

3. ON NOVEMBER 12, THE AMBASSADOR AND PAO ATTENDED THE  
CEREMONY AT SANTIAGO DURING WHICH THE MAYOR OFFICIALLY TURNED  
OVER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BNC BOARD THE EXCELLENT PEICE  
OF REAL ESTATE UPON WHICH A NEW BNC WILL BE BUILT. WITH THE  
REAL ESTATE IN HAND, THE BUILDING FUND-RAISING COMMITTEES OF  
SANTIAGO AND SANTO DOMINGO ARE BEGINNING TO GET INTO GEAR.  
AT THE LUNCHEON OFFERED BY THE MAYOR OF SANTIAGO WHICH WAS  
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FOLLOWED BY A BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE,

OPTIMISM ABOUNDED THAT THE BUILDING PROGRAM WOULD PROCEED WITHOUT PROBLEMS. THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ESTIMATED THAT THE NEW BUILDING WOULD BE COMPLETED AND INAUGURATED BY NEXT NOVEMBER. WE SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INAUGURATING THE BUILDING TWO MONTHS LATER, I.E., DURING JANUARY 1976 AS ONE OF THE FIRST ACTS COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF US INDEPENDENCE AND THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEATH OF JUAN PABLO DUARTE, THE DOMREP'S "GEORGE WASHINGTON".  
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